

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1354**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Baca**

February 22, 2005

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An act to amend Section 116293 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1354, as introduced, Baca. Drinking water: perchlorate levels.

Under existing law, the Calderon-Sher Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, on January 1, 2003, to perform a risk assessment and, based upon that risk assessment, to adopt a public health goal for perchlorate.

Existing law also requires the State Department of Health Services, on or before January 1, 2004, to adopt a primary drinking water standard for perchlorate found in public water systems.

This bill would require the department to establish a maximum contaminant level for perchlorate of 6 parts per billion, to be phased in over a period of 2 years commencing January 1, 2006.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to include provisions to require persons or entities found responsible for perchlorate contamination of drinking water to pay the costs of removing that contamination.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 116293 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

116293. (a) On January 1, 2003, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment shall perform a risk assessment and, based upon that risk assessment, shall adopt a public health goal based exclusively on public health consideration for perchlorate using the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 116365.

(b) On or before January 1, 2004, the department shall adopt a primary drinking water standard for perchlorate found in public water systems in California in a manner that is consistent with this chapter.

*(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the department shall establish a maximum contaminant level for perchlorate of six parts per billion, which shall be phased in over a period of two years commencing January 1, 2006.*

SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to include provisions within this measure to require persons or entities found responsible for perchlorate contamination of drinking water to pay the costs of removing that contamination.